(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the action proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT): (a) to (c) The coaches for the Indian Hockey Team in the run up to the Athens Olympics-2004 have been engaged by the Indian Hockey Federation (IHF) and the Government have no report about anything adverse about the coaches. The coaches are appointed after verifying their coaching credentials and there is no provision for verification of their antecedents. Accordingly, IHF engaged the coaches keeping in view their abilities in the field of coaching and the contribution they can make to improve the performance of our team. IHF has further informed that the appointment of these coaches is on temporary basis till Athens Olympics.

Youth hostels in the country

†2368. SHRI BALAWANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state.

(a) the State-wise details of youth hostels in the country,

(b) whether Government propose to open such youth hostels at each divisional Headquarters; and

(c) if so, the State-wise details of amount allocated for the same?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT): (a) Sixty five youth hostels have so far been set up in the country with Government of India's assistance. The State-wise and location-wise details of youth hostels are given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(b) and (c) No, Sir. The setting up of new Youth Hostels is considered on the basis of viable proposals received from the concerned State Governments and Union Territories Administrations as per provisions laid down in the youth hostel manual.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

Statement

Youth hostels in the country

Sl. No	Name of State/UT	No. of Youth Hostel constructed	Location of Youth Hostel(s)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	5	Secunderabad, Vijayawada, Tirupathi, Visakhapatnam, Nagarjunasagar
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	1	Naharlagun.
3	Assam	4	Nawgaon, Guwahati, Golaghat, Tezpur
4	Bihar	1	Patna
5.	Gujarat	1	Gandhinagar
6	Haryana	4	Panchkula, Kurukshetra (Pipli), Bhiwani, Gurgaon
7.	Himachal Pradesh	2	Dalhousie, Bilaspur.
8	Jammu & Kashmir	3	Patnitop, Nagrota, Srinagar
9	Karnataka	3	Mysore, Hassan, Tirtharameshwar,
10.	Kerala	3	Thiruvananthapuram (Veli), Ernakulam (Kochi), Calicut (Kozhikode)
11	Maharashtra	2	Aurangabad, Buldhana
12	Manipur	2	Imphal, Ukhrul.
13.	Meghalaya	2	Shillong, Tura
14.	Madhya Pradesh	2	Bhopal, Jabalpur.
15.	Nagaland	2	Mokokchung, Dimapur
16.	Mizoram	1	Aizwal.
17.	Punjab	4	Ropar (Rupnagar), Amritsar, Sangrur, Patiala
18.	Rajasthan	2	Jaipur, Jodhpur.
19	Tamil Nadu	4	Chennai, Madurai, Thanjavaur, Trichy (Tiruchirapalli)
20.	Uttar Pradesh	1	Agra.
21.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	1	Port Blair.
22.	West Bengal	3	Darjeeling, Churulia, Burdwan
23.	Pondicherry	1	Pondicherry
24.	Tripura	1	Agartala.
25	Orissa	4	Puri, Joshipur, Gopalpur-on-Sea, Koraput
26	Goa	2	Panaji, Padam Mapusa,
27.	Sikkim	1	Namchi.
28	Uttaranchal	3	Mussoorie, Uttarkashi, Nainital
	TOTAL :	65	